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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Strategic Research

SUBJECT : Comments on the Report of Team B:  
Soviet Strategic Objectives - an  
Alternative View

1. Attached are comments on the following portions of the report of Team B: Soviet Strategic Objectives - An Alternative View prepared by the Strategic Evaluation Center except as indicated:

Part One: Assumptions about Soviet Strategic Objectives  
Underlying NIEs and the Shortcoming of These  
Assumptions

Part Two: A Critique of NIE Interpretations of Certain  
Strategic Developments

[CENTRAL FORCES (NOT IN ORIGINAL DRAFT)] (NO WRITTEN COMMENTS)

a. Economic Restraints on Soviet Strategic Forces

(prepared by OSR/PA)

(b. Soviet Civil Defense

c. Military Hardening (to be furnished separately  
by OSR/SF)

(d. Mobile Missiles (to be furnished separately by  
OSR/SR)

(e. Backfire (to be furnished separately by OSR/SR)

f. Soviet Anti-Satellite Testing

g. Soviet Strategic ASW (to be furnished separately  
by OSR/SF)

(h. ABM and Directed Energy R&D (prepared by OWI and OSI)

(i. Soviet Non-Central Nuclear Systems (to be furnished separately by OSR/SF)

Part Three: Soviet Strategic Objectives

2. In general, these comments are focused on the applicability of the Team B report to the current draft of NIE 11-3/8-76 ~~ix~~ which it was our understanding the Team B report was supposed to address. Therefore, no comments are addressed directly to Annex A of the report which dicusses Soviet strategic nuclear forces as perceived by the NIEs, 1962-1975. To comment properly on this annex it would be necessary to review all of the pertinent NIEs because in the process of preparing these comments it has been observed that Team B is prone to lift statements from context. It is also apparent that the general criticisms Team B puts forth in the annex are essentially the same criticisms found in Parts One and Three of the report.

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Attachments: X

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